

INTERESTING ITEMS.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL
OF THE UNITED STATES

**Beef Contract Muddled—After Miss Sweet's
Scalp—A Female Office-Broker—Per-
sonal Mention—Topics of the
Times—News Notes.**

WASHINGTON, April 11.—A Washington special charged that Paymaster General Smith, of the navy, had favored Mr. Austin P. Brown, in the matter of contracts for supplying beef and pork at a time when those articles were highest in market; that instead of the delivery of the supplies contracted for, Brown was given extensions and permitted to delay until pork had dropped in price from \$10.50 to \$8.50 per barrel and beef had declined in the same ratio; that then Brown was allowed to deliver his supplies at the high figures named in the contracts, and that he got about \$50,000 more for what he furnished than the same quantities could at the time have been bought for in open market. Paymaster General Smith, after reading it carefully, said: "That is an outrage." He added that he intended to ask for an immediate investigation, as all the records were in his office and they would clear him. Gen. Smith said that a contract was made with Mr. Brown, who was the lowest responsible bidder. The supplies were not delivered immediately, because they were not all needed. The supplies were taken as required, and in this way they were always fresh. Gen. Smith said that he had nothing to do with the market fluctuations; that the contract was regular and legitimate. He said further that he knew such an attack was to be made upon him. A reporter called upon Mr. Austin Brown, who said it was true about the contract, the increase of amount to be supplied and the extension of time, but he maintained that the transaction was regular. Everything, he said, was done for the benefit of the government. He was awarded the contract because he was the lowest bidder, he said, and his figure was so low that the amount was increased. Prices went both down and up, but he delivered supplies when called upon. He declared that his contract was legitimate, and he carried it out to the letter. He denied that there was any fraud or collusion. He did not clear \$50,000. He only made \$10,000 or \$15,000. Gen. Smith's friends say the attack upon him was instigated by a party who wants to succeed him.

After Miss Sweet's Scalp.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—At the white house entire ignorance of Miss Sweet's case, officially speaking, is professed. It is certain that the president has not, as yet, given any attention to the matter. Miss Sweet's telegraphic protest was sent at once to the pension bureau, like all other routine correspondence. There is an impression quite strong that Gen. Black acted without the knowledge of the president in this particular instance. Secretary Lamar some time ago authorized Gen. Black, in a general way, to exercise his discretion in regard to western appointments and changes. Under this authority the request for Miss Sweet's resignation was issued. A prominent civil service reformer, who is an intimate friend of the president, said: "The president is, as yet, in no way responsible for anything that has been done in the matter; he had no intention as to what was contemplated, and the time had not arrived for him to take action. Nothing can be done without the president's approval, and to suppose that he will suspend Miss Sweet and designate her successor without reason is to suspect him of treason to his principles and a breach of faith and promise, of which there is no just ground for believing him capable. If Miss Sweet is suspended, it will be because there are good and sufficient reasons. If there are no such reasons, she will remain undisturbed."

A Lady Office-Broker.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Appointment Clerk Higgins has found out that a young lady employed in the treasury department has for nearly two years given one-half of her monthly salary, \$62.50, to a lady outside the department. She was anxious to obtain employment, and offered to give one-half of her salary to anyone who would secure her a position in the treasury. A lady possessed of influence and high social standing obtained this position as a favor to herself, for the applicant, and has regularly taken half of the pay without ever showing any companions over the despicable bargain.

Personal Mention.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—Doorkeeper Wintersmith, of the house of representatives, left for the west. He will be absent one month, during which time he will visit Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis, and Texas.

Ex Senator Stockton, of New Jersey, is in the city. It is rumored that the president desires him to accept a foreign mission. Charles P. Chouteau and family, of St. Louis, who have been at Old Point Comfort for several weeks, are here. They will leave for the west tomorrow.

Through the efforts of Senator Plumbo, pensions have been obtained for Jacob Herz, of Lawrence, John H. Thomas, of Emporia, and Richard Puffer, of Chetopa, Kan.

Attorney General Garland has rendered a decision in which he holds that the Winnebago and Chippewa Creek reservation belongs to the Sioux Indians by treaty of 1868 and that the order of President Arthur, of February 27, 1885, throwing said reservation open to settlement, was illegal and void.

A singular inequality in the new tariff laws has been discovered in the treasury department. Formerly the duty on pens was assessed at valorem as only steel pens were imported in any quantity. Under the new laws the duty was changed to twelve cents per gross on "metallic" pens. Under this change donors can import valuable gold pens in large quantities with a duty of only twelve cents per gross.

General Ferry telegraphs the war department that the report that northwestern Indians have crossed the Canadian border is untrue.

Postmaster General Vilas has appointed Chief Inspector Sharpe, Inspector Henderson and Mr. Van Hook, of the treasury department, a committee to confer with the supervising architect of the treasury relative to plans for new postoffice buildings throughout the country. The law requires these plans to be approved by the postmaster general and heretofore this has been done without question and as a matter of course. Postmaster General Vilas proposes to inquire into the suitability of plans for postoffice buildings before approving them.

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